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In re Appln. of: Bernd Salomon-Bahls
 Appln. No.: 10/528,215
 Filed: March 17, 2005
 For: CONNECTOR DEVICE FOR PIPES
 Attorney Docket No: 11138-017

Examiner: Kee, Fannie C.
 Art Unit: 3679
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- ☒ Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed March 25, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the corrected sections of the previously filed non-compliant amendment. Those sections comprise the following parts:

- I. **Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 2;
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 3.

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